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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT - PAKISTANI SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR
WEAPON FREE ZONE (NWFZ) RESOLUTION

1. PAKISTAN ON NOV 9 CIRCULATED AS FIRST COMMITTEE DOCUMENT
TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION SOUTH ASIAN NWFZ (TEXT BELOW).
IN CONVERSATION WITH US DELOFF, PAKISTANI REP CALLED
DRAFT A "PROCEDURAL" ONE DESIGNED TO KEEP ISSUE OF SOUTH
ASIAN NWFZ ALIVE. INDIAN REP (MISHRA) TOLD DELOFF THAT,
UNLIKE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS, INDIA DID NOT PLAN TO SUBMIT
ITS OWN NWFZ RES, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD WAIT TO SEE HOW
PAKISTANIS TREATED THE ITEM IN THEIR STATEMENT INTRODUCING
RES.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT WE ABSTAINED ON BOTH
PAKISTANI AND INDIAN SOUTH ASIAN NWFZ RESOLUTIONS IN 1974.
IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE, WE STATED THAT WE DID NOT BELIEVE
UNGA DOPTION OF COMPETING RESOLUTIONS SPONSORED BY TWO
PRINCIPAL STATES OF REGION WOULD ADVANCE OBJECTIVE OF A
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SOUTH ASIAN NWFZ. IN 1975, WE WENT ALONG WITH PROCEDURE

WORKED OUT BY INDIAN AND PAKISTANI DELS TO ADOPT BOTH RESOLUTIONS WITHOUT A VOTE. WE EXPLAINED THAT, FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN 1974, WE WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED IF RESOLUTIONS HAD BEEN PUT TO A VOTE.

3. PRESENT PAKISTANI TEXT IS SIMILAR IN ESSENTIAL RESPECTS TO PREVIOUS PAKISTANI RESOLUTIONS. NONETHELESS, IN LIGHT OF INDICATION THAT THERE MAY BE NO COMPETING INDIAN RES THIS YEAR, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER VOTING IN FAVOR OF PAKISTANI DRAFT, ESPECIALLY IF DOING SO WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN PROMOTING US NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES BILATERALLY WITH PAKISTAN. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT CONCERNED BY PAKISTAN'S RELUCTANCE TO BE PRECISE ON HOW PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS WOULD BE TREATED IN A SOUTH ASIAN NWFZ, AND SUPPORT FOR THE PAKISTANI RES MIGHT BE RESENTED BY INDIA AS A DEPARTURE FROM OUR EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TO SOUTH ASIAN NWFZ RESOLUTIONS. DEL WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND WEEK VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AT A LATER DATE.

4. BEGIN TEXT: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 3265 B (XXIX) AND 3476 B (XXX) ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA,

REITERATING ITS CONVICTION THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE WORLD IS ONE OF THE MEASURES WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE MOST EFFECTIVELY TO HALTING THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TO PROMOTING PROGRESS TOWARDS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AS A STEP TOWARDS GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEIR MEANS OF DELIVERY,

BEARING IN MIND THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF QUALIFIED GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS FOR THE STUDY OF THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES,
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BELIEVING THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA, AS IN OTHER REGIONS, WILL STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF THE REGIONAL STATES AGAINST NUCLEAR THREAT OR ATTACK,

NOTING THE AFFIRMATION BY THE STATES OF SOUTH ASIA NOT TO ACQUIRE OR MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TO

DEVOTE THEIR NUCLEAR PROGRAMMES EXCLUSIVELY TO THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF THEIR PEOPLES,

RECALLING THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTIONS HAD CALLED UPON THE STATES OF THE SOUTH ASIA
REGION AND OTHER NEIGHBOURING NON-NUCLEAR STATES AS MAY BE
INTERESTED, TO INITIATE, WITHOUT DELAY, NECESSARY
CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING THE NUCLEAR-
WEAPON-FREE ZONE AND URGED THEM IN THE INTERIM TO
REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION CONTRARY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE
OBJECTIVES OF THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE,

RECALLING THAT RESOLUTION 3265 B (XXIX) HAD REQUESTED THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONVENE A MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF
THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONSULTATIONS TO RENDER SUCH
ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE REQUIRED,

1. REAFFIRMS ITS ENDORSEMENT IN PRINCIPLE OF THE CONCEPT
OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA;

2. URGES, ONCE AGAIN, THE STATES OF SOUTH ASIA AND OTHER
NEIGHBOURING NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES AS MAY BE INTERESTED
TO CONTINUE TO MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH
A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA AND TO REFRAIN,
IN THE MEANTIME, FROM ANY ACTION CONTRARY TO THIS OBJECTIVE;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO RENDER SUCH ASSISTANCE
AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROMOTE THE ABOVE EFFORTS
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH
ASIA AND TO REPORT ON THE SUBJECT TO THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS
THIRTY-SECOND REGULAR SESSION;

4. DECIDES TO INCLUDE IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF ITS
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